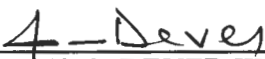


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
NORTHERN DIVISION  
Criminal No. 2:20-CR-00030-1-D  
Civil No. 2:25-CV-00037-1-D

Stephon Trevor Ellis,	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	
v.	)	ORDER
	)	
United States of America,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

Having examined petitioner's motion pursuant to Rule 4(b) of the Rules Governing § 2255 Proceedings, the United States Attorney is DIRECTED to file an Answer pursuant to Rule 5, Rules Governing § 2255 Proceedings, or to make such other response as appropriate to the above-captioned § 2255 Motion to Vacate, Set Aside or Correct Sentence, within **forty (40)** days of the filing of this order.

SO ORDERED. This 14 day of January, 2026.

  
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JAMES C. DEVER III  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE